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Monthly meeting of the Woman's Aid Society Thursday afternoon, March 6. Supper by Section No. 2, from 5 to 7:30.

Every member of the church should attend the congregational meeting Wednesday evening, Feb. 26.

Special services during Easter week, beginning March 16. Communion service and baptism and reception of members, Easter Sunday, March 23.

Every family in the church, should, without fail, hear Dr. Porter's address on Sunday evening, March 2, on the "Conservation of Health and Life." No one is better qualified to speak on this subject than Dr. Porter. In substance, the address was delivered before the Fort Wayne Ministerial Association a few weeks ago. Come and invite your friends to come with you.

Up to this date about thirty families of the church have sent in their subscriptions for the Visitor. The subscription price is only 25 cents and every family should pay at least this amount a year toward the support of the parish paper. In sending in your subscriptions use the envelopes that were sent out, or make payment to the pastor.

At the public service held on Sunday evening, Feb. 2, by the Christian Endeavor Society, Rev. Marion Todd, pastor of the West Jefferson Street Church of Christ, preached a splendid sermon.

Several of our young men and women have given pledges for this year and we are anxious to see more follow their example. Every one should be interested in the financial support of the church.

The pastor has arranged for a series of Sabbath evening sermons and addresses that should be of special interest to all our people. Topics:

Feb. 16.—"The Sunday Theatre."

Feb. 23.—"In the Beginning, The Creative Days." Illustrated.

March 2.—"The Conservation of Health and Life." Address by Miles F. Porter.

March 9.—"The First Man."

March 16.—"The Eden Home."

At a meeting of the consistory, held Thursday evening, February 15, the president was instructed to call a special congregational meeting for Wednesday evening, Feb. 26th. for the discussion of several important matters that the congregation should consider and which cannot be done satisfactorily at the Sunday services. Every member should arrange to attend this meeting, do not let anything interfere with your being here.

A number of the members have raised their subscriptions and we are hoping that many more will do so. It is absolutely necessary for the church to raise more money for current expenses and we want every one to do their very best to help, so that we can meet all obligations in full. Think this over seriously and then let us have your increased pledge.

Yours sincerely,

W. F. CLOSE,

Mrs. C. H. Gumpfer entertained the ladies of the church at her home Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 28. There was a large representation of women present and they had a very pleasant afternoon. Before leaving in the evening they were served to a very elaborate luncheon.

DEATHS

Miss Mollie Snyder died at Hope hospital Sunday morning, Jan. 19. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fredrick Snyder, and was born in Lake township, Allen county, Ind., July 27, 1866. She had been in poor health for several years past, and with the hope of regaining her health she went to the hospital and submitted to an operation a few days before her death. With the uncertainty of the result of the operation before her; she had made every preparation for what might happen. She had given herself wholly into the care of the Lord, and was at peace with Him. While death came to her unexpectedly she was ready to answer the call and she is now at rest and peace forever. She was amiable, kind hearted and had many friends. She united with Grace church Dec. 12, 1895. Her father and mother, two brothers and two sisters preceded her to the eternal home. Four brothers and three sisters survive her. The funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 22nd, from the home on Cass street.

Mrs. Francis M. Pearse died at the family residence on West Creighton avenue at noon Saturday, Jan. 11, after an illness of several months. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob A. Bowser, one of the pioneer families of Fort Wayne. She was born in this city in 1846. She was married to Mr. Willis Pearse Feb. 6, 1871. Four children blessed this union. Mrs. Pearse was a very estimable woman, an affectionate and devoted wife and mother. She was warm-hearted and kind to everybody. She was always ready to befriend the poor and unfortunate. She was uncomplaining and bore all her trials and sorrows without a murmur. She lived to see her whole family pass away from here except the husband. The pastor was with her in many of her trials and sorrows, in the death of her mother, her sister, a son, and in

the death of her daughter, Bessie, the last of her children. She never murmured, but bowed with humble submission to the will and providence of God. The pastor baptized her and received her into Grace church Jan. 19, 1906. She has gone to her eternal home, where there, shall be no more sorrow, no parting, no death. "There shall be no night there." The husband and a large circle of friends mourn the death of this sister. The funeral services were held from the home on Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 14 after which the remains were laid away in the family lot in Lindenwood.

J. W. Shiffer died at the Lutheran hospital Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 14, after an illness of one week. He was taken seriously ill on Tuesday afternoon, Jan 7. With the hope of saving his life he was taken to the hospital for an operation. He was found in a much more serious condition than the doctors had expected. For some days, however, they were hopeful of his recovery. Later other complications arose and he passed away peacefully and triumphantly into the eternal home. Mr. Shiffer was born in New Berlin, Pa., Sept. 28, 1860. He was aged 52 years, 4 months and 16 days. He came to this state when he was but a young man. He first located near Bristol, Ind. He was a resident of Goshen for a number of years, lived at Kendallville a short time, and, also at Elkhart. He came to this city over a year ago. Since in Fort Wayne he did a very successful business on South Calhoun street and he won the confidence and esteem of a large number of people. He was married to Miss Edith Weipert of Elkhart, in 1886. His married life was happy and harmonious, one son and one daughter were born to this union. Mr. Shiffer was devoted to his family and home. He was congenial and happy in disposition. He was of christian parentage and at a period in

his life he united with the Lutheran church. At Goshen, Ind., he and his family were members of the Reformed church. At the time of his death he held his membership in the Presbyterian church at Elkhart, Ind. During his illness at the hospital we were with him a number of times. He was resigned and confident, having placed all his trust in the Lord. He was an earnest christian man and he had no fear of death. His death has brought great sorrow to his family, but he has gone to his eternal rest. Life's labors and toils are over. Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, from henceforth, yea saith the spirit that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them. His wife, son and daughter survive this departed brother, also five brothers and two sisters. The funeral was held from the home on South Calhoun street Friday morning, Jan. 17. The pastor, was assisted in the service by Rev. Montgomery of the Third Presbyterian church. The remains accompanied by the family and two brothers and other friends, were taken to Elkhart for burial, and where a service was held, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Herriek, on Saturday morning, Jan. 18th.

Mr. F. R. Dinger, a member of Grace church and for the past three years an elder in the church, came to his death Monday afternoon, Feb. 3. He was on the wrecking crew of the Pennsylvania company and while making some repairs on the machinery of the wrecking car, he was caught under the tender of a moving engine and was so badly injured that death came almost instantly. He was the son of Robert and Sofia Dinger, and was born near Maples, Allen county, Ind., June 4, 1869. He spent his early life with his parents on the farm, later he entered the service of the Pennsylvania company. He was married to Miss Mary J. Crosier, Nov. 1, 1891. Mr.

Dinger was reared in a christian home and was baptized in his infancy. When a young man he made a public profession of faith and united with the Protestant Methodist church of Maples, Ind. After coming to the city, he and his wife united with Grace church. He was an excellent man, good hearted and generous. He was happy and congenial in disposition and was loved by everyone. While death came to him in an unexpected hour he was ready to meet the Lord and he has gone to his eternal home. We are sorry to loose Mr. Dinger from the church, but nowhere will he be missed as much as in his home. We pray that the Lord may comfort the wife and daughter and the surviving brothers and sisters. The funeral services were held Thursday afternoon, Feb. 6, from the church. The burial was at New Haven. Services at the grave were in charge of the fraternities of which Mr. Dinger was a member. To all of these families and friends who are in sorrow we extend our sympathy and pray that the Lord may comfort and sustain them in their bereavement.

Mrs. Richard Weller entertained the Woman's Missionary Society at her home on Spy Run avenue, Thursday afternoon, Feb. 20. The women are beginning the study of the book, "China's New Era." Mrs. Weller entertained the women very pleasantly and served a luncheon that was very much enjoyed by the women. It would seem that many more of the women of Grace church should be associated with this society.

The following persons were recently received into the church, Sabbath morning, Jan. 26: Mrs. Emma Heyman; at the communion service Sabbath morning, Feb. 9, Mr. Peter Shible and Mr. Edwin Martin, by confirmation. Mrs. Minnie Rebel, formerly a member of the St. John's Reformed church, Fort Wayne, Mrs. C. C. Dillworth by letter

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from the Reformed church, Payne, Ohio, Mr. Charles Fels. Sabbath morning, Jan. 29th., by baptism and confirmation. We extend to all of these new members a very cordial welcome into the fellowship of Grace church.

Mrs. H. B. Diefenbach and little son, Allan, spent Monday, Feb. 24, at the parsonage.

Dr. Bertha Goba and Miss Rose Goba are both sick at the Hamilton house.

Bitner & Gunkler have changed their business location. They are now at 120 East Columbia street.

Mrs. Zartman has been ill for a month past and has not been able to attend to any of her work. She needs a complete rest for a month or longer.

Mrs. Luke Durnell has been in very poor health the past several months. We hope she may soon feel much better.

Mrs. Brown has been ill with an attack of cold and la grippe and has not been able to be out of the house for a week or more.

Mrs. Robert Dinger has been suffering from cold and pleurisy but is much better now.

Mrs. Wickliff is recovering from an attack of cold and congestion of her lungs. She has been sick for several weeks.

Dr. Swaidner, representative of the Indiana Anti-Saloon League, preached for us Sabbath evening, Feb. 9. Those who were not at the service missed a rare treat.

The Laymen's League was entertained at its monthly meeting Tuesday evening, Feb. 11, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Close, on Elmwood avenue. There was a good attendance and the men had an interesting evening. A good

part of the evening was spent in a discussion of the finances of the church. At the close of the meeting Mrs. Close served the men to a very enjoyable luncheon.

Sections of women which will serve suppers during the year:

Section No. 2 will serve supper Thursday, March 6th. Managers—Mrs. Geo. Hesserdt, Mrs. C. H. Gumpfer, Mrs. S. Wertman, Mrs. Henry Kessler.

Assistants—Mesdames Carl Kessler, John Ruck, W. G. Page, Christian Waldo, Charles Masel, Laura King, Alfred Barbier, Wilhelmina Reiter, S. Schraack, Viola Canning, James Quinn, Burt Weaver, Julia Croyle, Martha Wisong, David Schlatter, W. Botteran, Carrie Eckart, Celia Hostman, Ed Riley, C. C. Gumpfer, Louis Bercot, William Martin, Peter Schible, Frank Martin, Sarah Pappert, Edward Hesserdt, Chas. Robinson, George Gemmer, and the Misses Dr. Bertha Goba, Rose Goba, Ruth Gumpfer, Emma Bercot, Carrie Quickley, Evelyn Wertman, Mildred Wertman, Sofa Rieter and Marie Barbier.

Section 3 will serve supper Thursday, May 1st.

Managers—Mrs. Hildebrand, Mrs. C. F. Close, Mrs. D. E. Null and Mrs. Sarah Knight

Assistants—Mesdames W. F. Close, E. A. Close, H. E. Metzner, James Evard, Kate Certia, Fred Shearer, Jacob Shearer, Dora Schuler, Clinton Shultz, Calvin Hosler, Lucile Tegtmeyer, August Guillian, Ed. Warner, Philip Heyman, S. Dukeman, Katie Weiler, Ed. Chausse, Fred Roth, Mary Richards, Frank Bercot, Kittie Parker, Helena Weickart, R. M. Snyder, Otto Snyder, E. M. Klopfenstein, Della Wait, Emma Pfaff, Jennie Miller and the Misses Martha Carrol, Bertha Carrol, Ida Kirkham, Lillie Kirkham, Lottie Weiler, Elsie Weickart, Bertha Weickart, Juaneta Heyman, Helen Trish, Anna Doermer, Nellie Guillaum, Lillie Weickart, Elsie Weickart, Julia Bercot, Maud Snyder, Esther Snyder.

Section 4 will serve supper Thursday, September 11.

Managers—Mesdames Emma Bitner, J. H. Straub, Jacob Rudisill, William Siebold.

Assistants—Mesdames George Smith, Susan Smith, James Smith, Ed. Siebold, Jessie Benton, Lena Fritz, Oscar Riley, Samuel Frederick, Martha Frederick, David Walters, Daniel Mullen, Henry Krohn Miller, Jennie Flooring, Sadie Boals, Susan Deahl, William Foster, John Schlaudroff, Della Trish, Samuel Keck, John McMahon, ~~Trish, Samuel Keck, John McMahon~~, Ernest Payne, Valentine Monn, Luke Durnell, Louis Martin, Rufus Druckenbrod, Ellis W. Masterson, F. D. Knott, Roy Bitner, Frank Thompson, Jennie Smith, Nancy M. Hill, Irmo Merrilet, Elnora Logan, Misses Anna Yeager, Lulu Bitner, Bertha Bitner, Nora Minor, Lizzie Rudisill, Libbie Felger, Ruth Siebold, Mabel Rebel, Esther Fritz, Gertrude Thompson, Maud Frederick.

MARRIAGES AT THE PARSONAGE.

Saturday evening, November 16, Hallie W. Skinner and Miss Mae Swank. Mr. Skinner is a young photographer in the city with rooms in the building of The People's Trust & Savings Co. The bride is a well-known young lady in the city and is an accomplished violinist.

Tuesday afternoon, Mr. Elmer P. Koehler, of Freeport, Ill., and Miss Alma Eubank, of Fort Wayne. These young people will reside permanently in the city. May their lives be happy and prosperous.

Mr. George Shiffer and Miss Bertha Bitner were united in marriage Wednesday evening, Feb. 19, at the home of the bride, 519 E. Lewis street. This was a very pretty home wedding. The only guests present were the members of both families. The bride and groom are so well known to the members of Grace church that we are sure they need no introduction. They are both actively as-

sociated with the work of the church and are highly esteemed by our people. Mr. Shiffer is one of the newly elected deacons of the church and Mrs. Shiffer is our organist. Both are active in young people's society. They have the hearty congratulations and well wishes of the

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C. E. LEADERS AND TOPICS.

March 2—"The Ideal Christian; His Practical Service." Consecration meeting. Matt 5:15-16. A. Jones.

March 9—"Obeying Conscience." 1 John, 3:18-24. Leaderless meeting.

March 16—"How May Every Sabbath Be the Lord's Day." Jer. 17:21-27. Leader, Nora Minor.

March 23—"Vital Living." The Easter Lesson, 2 Cor. 4:8-18.

The Young People's Society was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bitner, Tuesday evening, Feb. 4. At the business session the resignation of Robert Smith as president of the society was accepted and Miss Nora Minor was elected to fill the vacancy. Mr. A. Jones was elected vice president and Miss Lulu Bitner corresponding secretary. The Whatsoever Committee, of which Miss Hazel Gooley is chairman, reported that they were arranging to have flowers furnished for the church each Sabbath. Classes of the Sunday school and individual members of the church would be solicited to furnish. The society approved of the committee's plans. After the business session the young people had a good social time and later in the evening they were furnished with popcorn, cake, candies and applies.

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